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1. A guard post is located every four kilometers along the Albanian coast from Shengjin to Sarande. Each post has 10 men, individually armed, and is equipped with two heavy machine guns, one of which is of Italian, and the other of German, manufacture. Along some portions of the coast considered the least vulnerable, the posts are placed 10 kilometers apart.

2. Patrolling between adjacent posts is supposed to be carried out three times nightly, but [] this is done only once, and only in order to have the service register signed.

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3. [] there are no artillery emplaced along the coast between Shengjin and Sarande.

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4. Coastal defense forces now consisting of one battalion (sic) will soon be increased to the strength of a regiment.*

5. The unloading from ships of civilian goods is done by trusted civilians. Military materiel is unloaded only at night by soldiers faithful to the Party.

6. [] no submarines have been [] along the Albanian coast, except at Saseno; it is not possible [] to determine whether there is any submarine activity at Saseno.

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[] Comment: The battalion [] is possibly a unit of one of the two coastal regiments [] based at Durres and at Vlone.

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